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The features, aspects, and advantages of the present invention will become more fully apparent from the following Detailed Description and appended claims when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a flow chart of a method of packetizing TDM data as an Ethernet packet.

FIG. 2 is a flow chart of a method of writing a TDM data stream into Ethernet frames.

FIG. 3 is a flow chart of another method of writing a TDM data stream into Ethernet frames.

FIG. 4 is a diagram of a switch capable of writing a TDM data stream into Ethernet frames.

FIG. 5 is a block diagram of the line card of FIG. 4 containing first and second buffers to double buffer incoming and outgoing data.

FIG. 6 is an embodiment of a TDM stream combining data from four different data streams into a single data stream.

FIG. 7 is an embodiment of an Ethernet packet containing TDM block identification information in the lower bits of the destination field.

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As mentioned in reference to **Figure 1**, an embodiment could also include writing destination information and identifying information pertaining to the TDM data into one field in the Ethernet frame and writing TDM data into another field in the Ethernet frame. Specifically, **Figure 3** shows writing the TDM data into the Ethernet frame 23, which includes writing TDM data into the payload field of the Ethernet frame, writing the TDM destination into the Ethernet destination field, and writing TDM block identification information in the lower bits of the destination field of the Ethernet frame (**Figure 7**). Although the TDM data is shown as being written to specific fields in the Ethernet frame, it is also contemplated that the TDM data may be written elsewhere or in a different arrangement.

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